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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the development of Aquaculture and Mariculture in
the Community

- A. having regard to the report on aquaculture presented by the previous Parliament in 1979,
 - B. whereas considerable progress has since been made in the fields of aquaculture and mariculture research and development,
 - C. whereas these sectors have made positive use of the results of applied research, thereby materially increasing fish yields,
 - D. whereas the development of aquaculture and mariculture can contribute significantly towards reducing the balance of trade deficit in fisheries products, towards supplementing sea fishing activity, and towards guaranteeing security of supply to the processing industry,
 - E. whereas considerable opportunities exist for developing aquaculture and mariculture in all maritime states of the Community; both in the Atlantic and Mediterranean regions,
 - F. whereas such development could result in expansion in both investment and employment in the less favoured regions of the Community, as has already been achieved to a significant degree in the USA and Japan,
 - G. considering however that technical, biological, commercial, legal and fiscal problems still remain in the fields of aquaculture and mariculture in the Community, and that their solution is essential if significant further development in this economic activity is to be achieved,
 - H. considering moreover that at the moment research in aquaculture and mariculture in the Community and the distribution of the results of such research is not fully co-ordinated,
1. Calls on the Commission to take the necessary initiatives to encourage and co-ordinate research and development activity in the fields of aquaculture and mariculture, to co-ordinate the presentation and implementation of the results of such activity, and to inform the European Parliament fully and in good time;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this Resolution to the Council and the Commission.